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SUBJECT: BRITISH COLUMBIA REACTION TO ALCAN GAS PIPELINE DECISION

1. CRITICIZING THE SOCRED GOVERNMENT FOR ALLEGED FAILURE TO PROTECT B.C. INTERESTS AND INVOLVE ITSELF IN THE SEVERAL GAS PIPELINE INQUIRIES (INCLUDING THE NEB HEARINGS), LIBERAL LEADER GIBSON SUCCEEDED IN ACHIEVING AN EMERGENCY DEBATE ON THE ALCAN ROUTE IN THE LEGISLATURE AUGUST 9. OPPOSITION LEADER BARRETT SAID THE NUMBER ONE PRIORITY IN TERMS OF CANADIAN INTERESTS WAS CONTROL OF CANADIAN ARCTIC GAS THROUGH THE DEMPSTER CONNECTION, AT A TIME TO BE CHOSEN BY CANADA. BARRETT PROPOSED THREE CONDITIONS ON THE PROJECT, WITHOUT WHICH FINAL APPROVAL WOULD BE "A B.C. SELLOUT:"

A. NINETY PERCENT OF WORK ON B.C. PORTION OF PIPELINE SHOULD BE DONE BY B.C. RESIDENTS.
B. ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNDING BY THE PIPELINE COMPANIES OF A PERMANENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND CONSISTING OF 7 PERCENT OF THE "REAL" COST OF THE PIPELINE, WHICH BARRETT CALCULATES AT DOLS 12 BILLION.
C. IRONCLAD AGREEMENT BETWEEN B.C. AND OTTAWA THAT B.C.
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WOULD HAVE FIRST CALL ON CANADIAN GAS COMING THROUGH THE DEMPSTER CONNECTION.

2. PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE LEADER WALLACE ASKED FOR COMPENSATION FOR ADVERSE SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS (BARRETT SAID SUCH COSTS SHOULD BE CHARGED TO THE COMPANIES AND CALCULATED ONLY AFTER THE PIPELINE IS BUILT), PREFERENCE TO B.C. WORKERS, EFFORT TO

SETTLE B.C. NATIVE LAND CLAIMS AND EXTENSION OF B.C. RAILWAY TO YUKON BORDER AS NEGOTIATING POINTS.

3. PREMIER BENNETT RESPONDED THAT B.C. HAD MADE NUMEROUS UNOFFICIAL REPRESENTATIONS TO OTTAWA, THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED PIPELINE PERSONALLY WITH TRUDEAU, THAT EVERYTHING WAS UNDER CONTROL AND THERE WAS NO EMERGENCY. HE SAID HE AGREED B. C. WORKERS SHOULD HAVE PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT ON B.C. ROUTE PORTION AND THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE COMPENSATION FOR SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE. HE ALSO EMPHASIZED B.C. WANTS A PERMANENT TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR ESTABLISHED ALONG THE ROUTE, INCLUDING AN IMPROVED ALASKA HIGHWAY. HE SAID HE DID NOT WISH TO BE MORE SPECIFIC REGARDING B.C. DEMANDS FOR FEAR OF JEOPARDIZING OTTAWA'S NEGOTIATING POSITION WITH THE U.S. HE DENOUNCED "THE SELFISH BLEATINGS OF A FEW" REGARDING PIPELINE CONDITIONS AND SAID IT WAS POSSIBLE FOR CANADA TO BE A "GOOD NEIGHBOUR" WITH THE U.S. IN TIME OF ENERGY CRISIS.

4. PROVINCE EDITORIAL OF AUGUST 10 STATES OTTAWA'S DECISION WAS "INEVITABLE" AND THAT ANY OTHER DECISION "WOULD HAVE BEEN UNTHINKABLE." WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT THE U.S.-CANADA NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE TOUGH, "THE ENORMOUS BENEFITS TO BOTH COUNTRIES SHOULD BE INCENTIVE ENOUGH FOR SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS."

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